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The effectiveness of efforts to protect children removed from their homes from abuse and neglect shall be measured by:

- (1) the incidence of indicated or unsubstantiated findings of child abuse or neglect of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, for placements:
 - (i) in foster care homes;
 - (ii) in kinship care homes;
 - (iii) in residential treatment centers or group homes;
 - (iv) with family members; and
 - (v) in other forms of substitute care;
- (2) the incidence of indicated or unsubstantiated findings of child abuse or neglect within 12 months following the release of the child committed to the Department; and
- (3) any other indicators adopted by the Secretary under § 5-1302 of this subtitle.

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